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Memorandum

TO: SAC (157-1067)

DATE: 7/26/68

FR: SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP)
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On 7/5 and 6/68 [redacted] advised SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE as follows:

Informant attended Neighborhood Organizing Project (NOP) meeting, a part of the Memphis War on Poverty Committee (WOPC), 161 Jefferson, Fifth Floor, Friday evening 7/5/68. It was a board meeting. Among those present were the following:

HOWARD COHN, white male, Memphis State University (MSU) student, representing Young Democrats.

CHARLES FAITHFUL, white male, MSU student, representing Young Republicans, medium build, 5 feet 10 inches tall, with blond hair, well dressed and clean cut.

MARK KAMINSKY, a "MC CARTHY For President" supporter, with long side burns, "mod" in appearance and dress, and appears to be affluent. KAMINSKY goes away to school.

1 - 157-1067
1 - 157-556 (Possible Racial Violence, Major Urban Areas)
1 - 157-953 (Black Power Infiltration, WOPC and NOP)
1 - 157-957 [redacted]
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DEBBIE SALE, Miss Memphis, Southwestern student, who works at the WOPC office. She said her roommate dates GIBSON "RIBS" STROUPE, former SSOC member at Southwestern.
(The Saturday, 7/20/68, "Commercial Appeal" reported that STROUPE made Phi Betta Kappa at Southwestern.
DEBBIE SALE is on the plump side, obviously Jewish, she wore a very short mini skirt and sat with her legs crossed. She was either naive or a flirt as all the males kept ogling her, especially JOHN BURRELL SMITH, leader of the Invaders, who suddenly seemed to forget about black separatism and the supreme beauty, as he tells it, of the black women when he saw SALE. It was embarrassing to all in the room the way JOHN B. kept looking at SALE. JOHN B. took "the poor misguided underprivileged attitude" with SALE.

CHARLES HARRINGTON of BOP

EDWINA HARRELL, MSU Black Student Association leader came in late.

DEBBIE SALE acted as Secretary until the arrival of HARRELL.

THOMAS POTTER, male Negro and BSA member from MSU was there.

VERDELL BROOKS of the Afro-American Brotherhood, a male Negro, was there.

Also present were three or four unidentified Negroes and a 50-year-old heavy-set white male, balding, believed to be H. DIX ARCHER, Deputy Director of the WOPC.

VERDELL BROOKS tried to establish guidelines as to how NOP people could be fired. He mentioned no personalities. It was agreed the Director, CHARLES BALLARD, who was present could fire, this subject to approval of the Board.

They announced a location for a NOP workshop, a store front at 1217 North Thomas. They will clean it 7/6/68. There they will teach African history and black identity.

Some Negro suggested EDWINA HARRELL contact CHRIS DRAGO, white male, former Owen College instructor.

It was announced that those interested in a "Students for McCARTHY for President Movement" would meet on the parking lot of the Westminster House, Presbyterian Center, MSU, at 7:30 p.m., 7/10/68.